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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

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Jeff Robinson  
Branch Chief, Air Permitting, Monitoring, and Grants  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 6  
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Dallas, TX 75270

Subject: Initial Notification of a Potential Exceptional Event

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter serves as formal notification that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will develop and submit a demonstration to exclude 2021 particulate matter of 10 microns or less in aerodynamic diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>) air monitoring data influenced by an exceptional event pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 50 and 51. This demonstration will address the following high-wind dust events for PM<sub>10</sub> (parameter 81102):

Date	Monitor	Type of Event	AQS Flag*	Exceedance Concentration
January 16, 2021	482010047	High Winds	RJ	165.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
January 16, 2021	482010062	High Winds	RJ	156.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
January 16, 2021	483550034	High Winds	RJ	180.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
June 21, 2021	481410038	High Winds	RJ	168.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
June 21, 2021	481410057	High Winds	RJ	167.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
December 6, 2021	481410029	High Winds	RJ	177.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

*\*currently entered in AQS as Informational Flag 'IJ - High Winds'*

The data requested for exclusion have regulatory significance and affect the regulatory determinations concerning the regions in which the air monitoring sites are located. The TCEQ looks forward to working with EPA Region 6 to establish a time frame for the demonstration.

If you need any additional information, please contact Daphne McMurrer at [Daphne.McMurrer@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Daphne.McMurrer@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Huff".

Donna F. Huff, Deputy Director  
Air Quality Division

cc: Frances Verhalen, P.E., EPA R6 Air Monitoring & Grants Section Chief